

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-2, 13-14 and 25-26 are withdrawn. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 121

The Office Action requires a restriction to one of the following sets of claims:

I. Claims 1-2, 13-14, and 25-26 drawn to distributed service information retrieval, classified in class 709, subclass 223.

II. Claims 3-12, 15-24 and 27-36, drawn to matching a service to characteristics in a network service parameter request, classified in class 709, subclass 226.

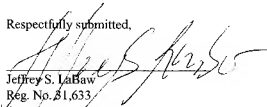
In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicants elect invention II, claims 3-12, 15-24 and 27-36, without traverse.

Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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